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Dear Hal,

It has taken until now to clean up the accumulated and accumulating mail, so much of which I really have to answer. I've spent some time helping others and doing some research for them (because I thought it should be done, whether or not it fit in with what I'm doing) and more travelling and broadcasting from home, which is important. So, I've written nothing since I saw you save some notes. I've improved my "travelling file", which took time but makes data more accessible if I debate. I did debate Nizer this past Wednesday. The program was to run about two hours. I knew if it was hot it would run longer. It got hot. It ran four hours (WOR). They preempted all newscasts and commercials and will do the same the first night they can clear. Nizer is a sharpie, a extremely competent and equally unscrupulous man who had the whole thing corrupted before I got there, even to a change in the agreed format that gave him alone an opening half-hour that was 100% lies andmanufactures. But by the end of the show his reuptation was tarnished and I believe his effettiveness either ended or so diminished. I nailed him time after time with fact, emphasized and reiterated and showed that he was just making things up as he went and concluded with the bald statement he had manufactured and invested. He is so unabashedly dishonest he didn't even protest. I'm to meet him again a week from tomorrow inx the taping of the TV special almost all the Commission staff have chickened out on (Belin and Scobey alone have accepted. Liebeler refused and Specter makes on like he might but he will not) with Lane on my side, if that is what he and it is. I will not be overly surprised if he finds he has to be in California.

If you have any sources of information on what the Cuban refugees in Florida were doing just before the assassination (and the arrest of Hall with or without others at that time) and about their meetings in Dallas, especially one in October 1963, addressed by speakers coming from Florida (and I suspect including some characters from WHITE ASH II) I'm very anxious to get it. The papers and handbills of these groups is an adequate source, as are standard newspapers. It could have meaning and importance. And among the names I'm interested in if you have any such data, aside from those mentioned in the chapter, are Dave Ferrie; Jack Lawrence; Cisneros Diaz, Rogelio (Eugenio); Masferrer (El Tigre - note how handily the US govt let him escape when it raided the Haitian project, and how little interested in getting him it was, for the press had ready access). The extent of General Walker's involvement is a question, but the fact of his involvement with these groups seems clear. I understand Castor wants to speak to me. I sent word I'm available, and I'm waitin'...If anyone has any copies of any of the antiCastro literature turned out in New Orleans with the address 544 Camp St. on it I'd like a copy of that. Oswald also gave that as his address, but he never rented space there, as the Cubans had...As you read Manchester please note any errors and call them to my attention. I've quite a list already bit I want it complete. I'm to do a critique for Saga, which is also going to reprint "The False Oswald" chapter in the next issue....It is even worse than I expected. I hope that by now the various media who used me on this realize that their audiences were in on the ground floor! The Kennedys have done as I said, gotten the acknowledgement of and themselves stipulated a total separation of them and Manchester. It is specified in the settlement and to be specified in the book....I did a show with Harve Morgan a week ago Wednesday on this, but then I hadn't read the first article and answered only what he asked. I've written Carl Young offering to do it again and much more completely after the second comes out this week. Release is Tuesday night according to a Boston radio station for which I did two hours by phone Friday night. If he is not interested in a week or two perhaps Joe Dolan might be. As I told you, I've been of the opinion this was inevitable since May 1965 and have been trying to do something about it since that summer. I'll save my letters for my writings, but it includes Harpers in November 1965, which ought to be ground floor enough. Parenthetically, one such letter I wrote to the editor of a major British newspaper when they did me a sprticularly dirty thinh last June, followed by an I alone told you so one last

month is getting WHITEWASH reviewed in that paper next month when it comes out in England...Pyblication date in Italy was 1/20. two days ago. I'm happy to report that competition for II is keen in Italy and Dell now says they want it. My reply was an expression of basic agreement with the cigarette commercial, "It's what's up front that counts", a pun on the trade sland for advance....If only some of this money would come in! Serialization inSpain last summer hasn't been paid for, nor that in Germany a couple of months later. Is there any chance the rest of the plane fare can be forthcoming?

Week after next I have a New England trip, college and radio-TVagain and atleast two days this week I'll be in the archive. WHITEWASH III is growing in size and cost, but the orders come in daily, sometimes more than II. The Dell edition is doing very well. It is probable by now that WHITEWASH has sold more copies than any of the other books, for the first printing was to have been 250,000 and I understand they went back to press in the first month, when it became their sixth best seller. Now that they are advertising (please tell me if you see any ads out there) it should do even better...The New York Times seems to have backed off. I understand it is because with all their high-priced talent they could find nothing I hadn't already and didn't get most of that. I hope this will change. Other have crews working, but to what purpose and with what result I do not know. Includes AP, CBS. Esquire to do another piece.

Found an FBI report of an amateur movie of the Oswald literature caper of 8/9/63 that says he was not alone. There was another with him.

Have a totally unconfirmed rumor that Greater Philadelphia (and possibly Vince) are going to "name Tip it's killer" and are already threatened with a suit. Haven't seen Vince since 12/8, and we spoke for but 2 minutes then.

Sylvia sold her book to Bobbs-Merrill. The Capitol record (did you hear the Morgan show, entitled in honor of my designation of it "The Revolving Whitewash"?) seems to be a bomb hereabouts. The only person I know who bought it did so only because he saw an ad with my name in it.

Heard from and answered Wooden, saying when I'm out there and if I can.

Best to all the good people I met,

Sincerely,